

## **IMMIGRATION STATUS VERIFICATION CONSENT FORM**

CONSENT: I consent to allow the \_\_\_\_\_ (HA) to request and to obtain information from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under HUD's assisted housing programs. I understand that the HA cannot use it to delay, deny or terminate housing assistance because of the immigration status of a family member, except as provided in HUD regulations. In addition, I understand I must be given an opportunity to contest the determination with the INS or the HA, or both.

This consent form expires 15 months after signed.

### ADULT:

_____ Head of Household	_____ Signature	A-_____ Alien Number	_____ Date
_____ Spouse	_____ Signature	A-_____ Alien Number	_____ Date
_____ Family Member Age 18 or Over	_____ Signature	A-_____ Alien Number	_____ Date
_____ Family Member Age 18 or Over	_____ Signature	A-_____ Alien Number	_____ Date

### CHILDREN:

_____ Family Member Under Age 18	A-_____ Alien Number	_____ Date
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Adult Residing in Unit Responsible for Child

_____ Family Member Under Age 18	A-_____ Alien Number	_____ Date
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Signature of Adult Residing in Unit Responsible for Child

_____ Family Member Under Age 18	A-_____ Alien Number	_____ Date
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_____ Family Member Under Age 18	A-_____ Alien Number	_____ Date
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Signature of Adult Residing in Unit Responsible for Child

**WHO MUST SIGN:** In order to be eligible to receive housing assistance, each noncitizen adult or child applying for, or currently receiving, housing assistance must be lawfully within the U.S. Please read the Verification Consent Form carefully and sign and return to the Housing Authority Office. Please feel free to consult with an immigration lawyer or other immigration expert of your choosing.

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**Privacy Act Statement:**

The information on this form is being collected by the \_\_\_\_\_ to determine the applicant's or tenant's eligibility for housing assistance. The HA may release this information, without responsibility for the further use or transmission of the evidence by the entity receiving it to: (1) the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as required by HUD; and (2) to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for purposes of verification of the immigration status of each individual and not for any other purpose.

**Penalties for Misusing this Consent:**

HUD, the HA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, the HA or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form.

Use of the information collected on the consent form is restricted to the purposes cited on the form. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD, the HA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.